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Public (Fire Services) Department.

Starred Question.

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Q.No.912. DRAFT ANSWER.

(Will the Hon.the Home Minister be pleased to state:--

(a) what is the number of fire accidents in the Northern range handled by the Fire Services directorate during 1946-47 and 1947-48; — 605 during 1946-47 and 872 during 1947_48.

(b) whether the Government are aware that village fire accidents have been on the increase from year to year; — Yes.

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide small size pumps of light weight to the bigger villages together with requisite hose, nozzles, branch pipes etc., — No.

(d) whether the Government have considered the desirability of giving training to a few active young residents of each village under the supervision of the officer in charge of the nearest fire station; — No.

(e) whether the Government have considered the feasibility of extending the telephone system to important villages in the vicinity of taluk headquarters so as to facilitate calls for fire services in emergency cases; and — No.

(f) whether the Government are considering the question of revising the grades and scales of salary for the Gazetted and non-Gazetted staff of the Madras Fire Services? — No.

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Brief note for Hon'le Premier's reference in connection with answering of supplementary questions, if any, to Legislative Assembly Question No. 912 - Starred.

For purposes of efficient supervision and more convenient administration of the service, the Madras Fire Service is divided into three regions viz., Western, Central and Northern Regions with headquarters at Coimbatore, Madras and Bezwada respectively. Each of them is under the direct supervision of a Chief Regional Fire Officer. A list of the towns where Fire Service Sections are now functioning in the Northern Region is given in Annexure I to this note. The number of fire accidents handled by the Madras Fire Service during 1946-47 was 605 of which 7 were false alarms and 36 were serious fires and the number of fire calls during 1947-48 was 872 of which 17 were false alarms and 49 were serious cases.

2. It is true that fire accidents in villages which were attended to by the Madras Fire Service have been on the increase from year to year. So also the number of fire and ambulance calls attended by the Fire Service in towns are increasing from year to year. This does not however necessarily indicate that there a greater number of fires occurring. It only indicates that the Fire Service organisation is expanding each year and are able proportionately to attend more fires. The number of fire accidents in village parts attended by the Madras Fire Services in the year 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947 and upto 1-4-1948 is given in the statement below:-

S T A T E M E N T.

No.of village fires attended by M.F.S. in

"	"	"	1944	....	18.
"	"	"	1945	....	64
"	"	"	1946	....	215
"	"	~~xxxxxxx~~ X	1947	....	298
"	upto 1st April,		1948	....	123

Though the Fire Service is organised in Municipal towns, fires in all the surrounding areas including village parts are also attended to by the fire units from the nearest fire stations.

3. The normal strength of a Fire Service Section in the mufassal is one Trailer Pump with Tender, one Mobile Tank Unit and one Ambulance and the crew consists of one driver, one leading Fireman and 6 Firemen for a Trailer Pump and Tender, one Leading Driver Fireman and 3 Firemen for a Mobile Tank Unit and One Driver and one Attendant for each Ambulance. The crews are employed on double shift system in Fire Stations where no free quarters have been provided to the men. The Government have since sanctioned the employment of crews on a scale intermediate between single and double shift system in the stations where free quarters have been provided to the men plus 9% vacancy reserve on the total strength in all Fire Stations. There is no proposal to provide any small size pumps of light weight to the bigger villages with hose, nozzles, branch pipes etc.

4. The Government have not considered the desirablility of giving any training in Fire Fighting to Village people under the supervision of the officer-in-charge of the nearest fire station. A Provincial Fire Services Training School is established in Madras City. Candidates for appointments to the executive posts in the Madras Fire Services are trained there. A refresher course is also held for the benefit of those who are already in service.

5. There is no proposal under the consideration of Government to extend telephone system to important villages in the vicinity of Taluk headquarters so as to facilitate calls for fire services

in emergency. The future [illegible] decided. The Retrenchment [illegible] a suggestion that [illegible] with the Police after [illegible] Officers and above. [illegible] ranks in the department. [illegible] by Government. The matter [illegible] General of Police and the Minister for Finance.

6. The scales of pay [illegible] and non-gazetted employees [illegible] Annexures II and III respectively. [illegible] gazetted staff were revised [illegible] general revision of pay [illegible] of Government. The Government are not [illegible] of revising the scales of pay of the non-gazetted staff.

7. There are now six [illegible] Service. Five of them [illegible] United Kingdom. They are [illegible] 1-10-45 on special scales [illegible] that date while serving [illegible] contract with the then Government [illegible] as permanent officers [illegible] same special scale of pay. The [illegible] Fire Service who are also [illegible]. Recently one of them, Tri[illegible], the Chief Officer, Madras City Section submitted a petition for [illegible] of pay to Rs.250-30/2-310-40/2-390-50/2-490. The Director [illegible] this but it has been decided not to [illegible] present juncture when the future of the Madras Fire Service is unsettled and more particularly in view of the fact that the Re-organisation Committee has recommended [illegible] of District Officers also. It is not proposed to revise the scale of pay of the Personal Assistant to the Director of Fire Services either. Thus there is no proposal to revise the scales of pay of any of the Gazetted Officers in the Madras Fire Service.

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ANNEXURE I.

List of Madras Fire Service Sections now functioning in the Northern Region.

1. Bellary.
2. Bezwada.
3. Cocanada.
4. Cuddapah.
5. Ellore.
6. Guntur.
7. Masulipatam.
8. Nellore.
9. Peddapuram.
10. Rajahmundry.
11. Tenali.
12. Vizagapatam.
13. Vizianagaram.
14. Palacole.
15. Anantapur.
16. Proddatur.

ANNEXURE 11.

PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF EUROPEAN AND INDIAN GAZETTED OFFICERS IN THE MADRAS FIRE SERVICES.

Rank in M. F. S.	Pay.
One Director of Fire Services (E)	Rs. 1300-50/2-1500
Three Chief Regional Fire Officers (E)	Rs. 850-50-1000
Two Divisional Officers. (E)	Rs. 550-50-800 plus separation allowance of Rs.125/ p.m.plus H.R.A. subject to a maximum of 10% of pay in Madras City and 7½% in mufassal.
Eight District Officers (I)	Rs.250-10/2-300 plus H.R.A. in lieu of a free quarters.

(e) Europeans.
(I) Indians.

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ANNEXURE III.

Table showing different categories of Non-Gazetted Executive Staff employed in the Madras Fire Service together with the rates of pay sanctioned to them.

POSTS.	PAY.
1. Station Officers.	Rs.150-5-200 plus H.R.A.of Rs.30/- p.m.in Madras City or Rs.25/- in mufassal in lieu of free quarters plus motorcycle allowance of Rs.15/- p.m.each or cycle allowance of Rs.4/-p.m.
2. Sub-Officers.	Rs.70-3-130 plus cycle allowance of Rs.4/- plus H.R.A. as for S.Is of Police.
3. Mechanic Drivers.	Rs.45-1-55 plus H.R.A. Rs.30/- Pay for old entrants varies from Rs.55 to 115 plus City Special Pay and Personal pay.
4. Leading Firemen.	Rs.30-1-40 plus H.R.A.in lieu of free quarters.
5. Firemen (including Firemen Labourers " Messengers " Orderlies and Ambulance Attendants.	Rs.16-½ (a)-30. During training or probation Rs.18/- plus H.R.A in lieu of free quarters.
Driver Mechanics.	Rs.35-1-45 plus H.R.A.in lieu of free quarters. Old entrants are on Rs.50/- p.m.
Drivers.	Rs.30-1-40 plus H.R.A. in lieu of free quarters.
Telephone Operators.	For those with L.D.Clerks Qualification same as for L.D.Clerks. viz.Rs.45-3-60-2-90. For others 35-2-45.
Firemen Chucklers.	Rs.30-1-40 plus H.R.A. in lieu of free quarters.

SEPARATE WORKSHOP ESTABLISHMENT.

One Engineer Sub Officer	Rs.250/-p.m.plus H.R.A.in lieu of free quarters.
One Sub Officer Engineer	Rs.70-3-130 plus H.R.A.in liue of free quarters.
Driver Mechanics.	Rs.35-1-45. Old entrants remain in war-time rates of pay of Rs.50-and 55.
Leading Fireman Fitter.	Rs.30-1-40 plus H.R.A. in lieu of free quarters.
Firemen Fitters.	Rs.20-½(A)-30 plus H.R.A.in lieu of free quarters.
Firemen Mechanics.	Rs.30-1-40 plus H.R.A.in lieu of free quarters.
Carpenters.	Rs. 30-1-40
Blacksmith.	30-1-40 Plus H.R.A.in lieu of
Painters.	Rs. 30-1-40 free quarters.

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